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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Washington asks me to intercede with you, and have you continue the lady in her employment while she is kept away necessarily by this sickness, and not to dismiss her and let her lose her place, which is everything to her, and the mere thought of which deprivation would prolong her sickness, and give misery to her, and perhaps might be even worse in its results. So pray let me ask you now, in the name of humanity and gentlemanly sympathy for a lady in affliction, that you will exercise all the power that you

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I am faithfully and truly your old friend,

*Benjamin Harris Billings*

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[Abstract:] Pleads for Miss Todd's retention while in Hospital.

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